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MaineCare in Education: Seed

- Maine School Administrative Units (SAUs) accessing MaineCare services are responsible to pay the state's share of claims submitted for IDEA services. This payment is referred to as "Seed." The state share of the cost is based on Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentages (FMAP) and is roughly 38% of the total claim cost. The other 62% of the claim is paid by the federal government.
- SAUs are responsible for Seed on all MaineCare services provided in a school setting in accordance with a student's IEP/IFSP. If the student receiving MaineCare services is the SAU's responsibility, then the Seed is also that SAU's responsibility, regardless of where the student is being educated.
- On behalf of the SAUs, the Department of Education provides funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for anticipated Seed each year. Seed is assessed quarterly, and each SAU is required to review student claims that are determined by the Department to be that SAU's responsibility. Once the review timeline expires, the SAU's subsidy is reduced by the Seed amount for that quarter.
- MaineCare identifies all IDEA related claims and sends a quarterly statement to DOE listing the claim information.
- On a quarterly basis, each school district receives a statement from DOE which lists all the claims being assessed for Seed. This provides the districts an opportunity to review and make sure the services listed are appropriately being assessed.
- Sometimes it is necessary to dispute a claim and the reasons may vary. If you believe that a claim on your MaineCare report is not the SAU's responsibility, please send an email to Denise.Towers@maine.gov.
- Maine DOE MaineCare Seed
<http://www.maine.gov/education/data/mainecareseed.htm>
This webpage reviews the process of Seed and prior communications. There is also a spreadsheet showing quarterly adjustments to the ED 279.
- MaineCare has identified that some contract provider claims are not being assessed Seed.
- All services performed according to an IEP/IFSP and reimbursed by MaineCare are eligible for Seed. However, at this time, transportation and nursing services are not being assessed Seed. It is anticipated that Seed will be assessed for these services in the future.

For more detailed information on Seed, please access the most recent webinar, presented by Denise Towers (DOE).
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/specialled/director/listen>